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The matter of the SSVEC proposed power line through the Research Ranch, The Babacomari Ranch and rural Sonoita has generated many questions and concerns, but very few hard and verifiable answers from the utility. Many in Sonoita have made suggestions regarding the proposal for the new line and in particular offering their technical expertise. It appears that these suggestions have fallen on deaf ears, even when it is clear that considerable savings might result. I, in fact, wrote to the utility offering information about an innovation in wires for power transmission. I got not even a thank you. The article I referenced is located at:

<http://minnesota.publicradio.org/display/web/2008/01/11/powerlines/>

Linda Kennedy of the Research Ranch makes an important point about the route of the proposed line. *"There are many listed species (Threatened, Endangered and Species of Special Concern) found in the immediate area, yet no environmental or biological assessment of the impacts of this project has been made available."* Semi-arid grasslands are finite and any intrusion on to a facility like the Research Ranch adversely affects its ability to study and preserve these diminishing wild areas.

The proposed project is expensive. I don't believe that the utility has proven to those who are affected by the power line and those who will be paying the bill for its construction, that it has given serious consideration to all the less expensive alternatives. Before you grant SSVEC a rate increase, I feel that you should require SSVEC to commission an independent study of their plan. I am sure that there is a power transmission consulting firm out there who would be acceptable to both sides.

Please do not grant SSVEC their request for a rate increase until everyone is convinced that what they propose is the best and least expensive solution to our increasing power needs.

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